



IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Customer Service Bureau – Licensing Section

Wallace State Office Building

502 East 9th Street

Des Moines, IA 50319-0034

Transaction #: _____ Issued By: _____

Code #: _____ Date Issued: _____

APPLICATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO USE CROSSBOW FOR DEER AND/OR TURKEY HUNTING

I hereby apply for a permit to use a crossbow while bowhunting for deer and/or turkey. Please include either **\$1.00** for the administrative and writing fee for this permit **or** include **\$3.50** for a duplicate of a previously issued permanent permit or an unexpired temporary permit. Duplicates may also be purchased from any license agent.

Please Print or Type

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____ / _____

Street: _____ County: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Social Security Number or IA Driver's License No.: _____

Birth Date: _____ Sex: _____ Eyes: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____

Signature: _____

I understand that providing false information automatically makes this application invalid. Therefore, any and all licenses issued as a result will also be invalid and may be subject to penalties for making a false entry in a public record under Iowa Code 714.8(4), and for hunting, fishing, or trapping without a valid license under Iowa Code 483A.

Physician's Certificate

Definition: For the purpose of this permit, the definition of "handicapped" means a person possessing a physical impairment of the upper extremities that makes a person physically incapable of shooting a bow and arrow. This includes difficulty in lifting and reaching with arms as well as difficulty in handling and fingering.

I, Dr. _____ do hereby certify that I am the attending physician of the above named applicant and declare that said applicant is handicapped as defined above and physically unable to use a bow and arrow.

The applicant's handicap is: (check one)

☐ **TEMPORARY** (Temporary permits are valid for four (4) months from date of issuance and may be renewed if necessary.)

☐ **PERMANENT** (This permit will be valid permanently for permanent disabilities.)

Signature of physician: _____ Telephone Number: _____ / _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources is required to collect social security numbers from all persons obtaining a hunting, fishing or other recreational license under section 252J.8 of the Code of Iowa and 42 U.S. Code 666(a)(13). Your social security number will serve as your principal identification number to determine your eligibility for licenses. It will be provided to law enforcement agencies and the Iowa Child Support Collection Unit to establish, modify, and enforce child support obligations. It **WILL NOT** appear on your permit. *This license is provided for in Section 481A.38 of the Code of Iowa.*

571—15.5(481A) Authorization to use a crossbow for deer and turkey hunting during the bow season by handicapped individuals.

15.5(1) Definitions. For the purpose of this rule:

“Bow and arrow” means a compound, recurve, or longbow.

“Crossbow” means a weapon consisting of a bow mounted transversely on a stock or frame and designed to fire a bolt, arrow, or quarrel by the release of the bow string which is controlled by a mechanical or electric trigger and a working safety.

“Handicapped” means a person possessing a physical impairment of the upper extremities that makes a person physically incapable of shooting a bow and arrow. This includes difficulty in lifting and reaching with arms as well as difficulty in handling and fingering.

15.5(2) Application for authorization card. An individual requesting use of a crossbow for hunting deer or turkey must submit an application for an authorization card on forms provided by the department. The application must include a statement signed by the applicant’s physician declaring that the individual is not physically capable of shooting a bow and arrow. A first-time applicant must submit the authorization card application no later than ten days before the last day of the license application period for the season the person intends to hunt.

15.5(3) Authorization card—issuance and use. Approved applicants will be issued a card authorizing the individual to hunt deer and turkey with a crossbow. The authorization card must be carried with the license and on the person while hunting deer and turkey and must be exhibited to a conservation officer upon request.

15.5(4) Validity and forfeiture of authorization card. A card authorizing the use of a crossbow for hunting deer and turkey will be valid for as long as the person is incapable of shooting a bow and arrow. If a conservation officer has probable cause to believe the person’s handicapped status has improved, making it possible for the person to shoot a bow and arrow, the department may, upon the officer’s request, require the person to obtain in writing a current physician’s statement. If the person is unable to obtain a current physician’s statement confirming that the person is incapable of shooting a bow and arrow, the department may initiate action to revoke the authorization card pursuant to rule 561—7.16(17A,455A).

15.5(5) Restrictions. Crossbows equipped with pistol grips and designed to be fired with one hand are illegal for taking or attempting to take deer or turkey. All projectiles used in conjunction with a crossbow for deer hunting must be equipped with a broadhead with at least three blades.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 481A.38.

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION TO ONE OF THE
FOLLOWING LOCATIONS**

NW Regional Office
Spirit Lake Fish Hatchery
122 252nd Avenue
Spirit Lake, IA 51360
Phone: 712/336-1840

Clear Lake Station
1203 N. Shore Drive
Clear Lake, IA 50428
Phone: 641/357-3517

NE Regional Office
Manchester Fish Hatchery
22693 205th Avenue
Manchester, IA 52057
Phone: 563/927-3276

Black Hawk Regional Office
116 South State Road
P.O. Box 619
Lake View, IA 51450
Phone: 712/657-2638

DNR Receptionist
4th Floor Wallace Bldg.
502 East 9th Street
Des Moines, IA 50319-0034
Phone: 515/281-5918

Rathbun Fish Hatchery
15053 Hatchery Place
Moravia, IA 52571
Phone: 641/647-2406

SW Regional Office
Cold Springs State Park
57744 Lewis Road
Lewis, IA 51544-5103
Phone: 712/769-2587

Chariton Research Station
Red Haw State Park
24570 US Hwy 34
Chariton, IA 50049
Phone: 641/774-2958

SE Regional Office
Lake Darling State Park
110 Lake Darling Road
Brighton, IA 52540
Phone: 319/694-2430

(Allow a minimum of three weeks for mailed applications.)